

### REMARKS

Claims 3 through 21 remain pending in the present case.

### Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating Claim 3 - 5 are allowable if rewritten in independent form to include limitations of the base claim and intervening claims. Applicants have amended Claim 3 to be in independent form to include limitations of the base claim and intervening claims.

Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating Claims 6 - 21 are allowed.

CONCLUSION

In light of the above remarks, Applicants respectfully request allowance of the remaining Claims. The Examiner is urged to contact Applicants' undersigned representative if the Examiner believes such action would expedite resolution of the present Application.

Respectfully submitted,

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Date: 4/13/ 2007

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "John F. Ryan", is written over a horizontal line.

John F. Ryan.  
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